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SUBJ : CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: PAPER BAG PLAYERS PRIVATE
TOUR

REF: CROCKETT/ROTKLEIN TELCON JUNE 16

1. PAPER BAG PLAYERS IS ONE OF THE BETTER CHILDREN'S
THEATRE GROUPS IN U.S., VERY INVENTIVE AND IMAGINATIVE
ACCORDING TO DEPT'S DRAMA PANEL EVALUATION SEVERAL YEARS
AGO.

2. GROUP CONSISTS OF TEN ADULT ACTORS AND STAFF. WILL BE
TOURING ISRAEL, IRAN AND POSSIBLY EGYPT WITH BICENTENNIAL
SHOW ENTITLED "EVERYBODY, EVERYBODY". SHOW CONSISTS OF
LITTLE SKITS THAT TELL ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
PEOPLE IN U.S.; I.E. LIFE IN THE CITY, LIFE IN A TINY
APARTMENT, THIN VERSUS FAT PEOPLE, AMERICAN DREAM OF THE
PERFECT HAMBURGER, INDIAN LIFE OF LONG AGO, ETC.

3. MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK OF JERUSALEM SAW SHOW AND INVITED
GROUP TO ISRAEL FESTIVAL. FIRST CHILDREN'S THEATRE
TROUPE TO APPEAR AT FESTIVAL IN ITS 15 YEAR HISTORY.

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SPONSOR IS MR. PROPES.

4. SPONSOR IN IRAN IS INSTITUTE FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. CONTACT IS DON LAFFOON IN TEHRAN ALTHOUGH EMPRESS FARAH REPORTEDLY ASSISTING BRINGING TROUPE TO IRAN.

5. FOR CAIRO: DEPT ADVISED BY COMPANY EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TROUPE AND THIS IS BEING PURSUED BY COMPANY DIRECTLY.

6. ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

JULY 28 - DEPART U.S. FOR ISRAEL
AUGUST 3 & 4 - TEL AVIV PERFORMANCES
AUGUST 5 - HAIFA PERFORMANCE
AUGUST 6 - TEL AVIV PERFORMANCE
AUGUST 8 - DEPARTURE FOR TEHRAN
AUGUST 10-15 - EVENING PERFORMANCES IN NIAVARAN PARK.
---MORNING WORKSHOPS FOR GROUPS WHO WANT TO SET UP
---CHILDRENS THEATRE.
AUGUST 16 - POSSIBLY EGYPT.

7. APPROPRIATE COURTESIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

8. NO DEPT FUNDS AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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